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REMARKS

Before Entry of this Response, Claims 42-52 and 54-56 were pending. Claims 42-52 and 54-56 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the same or similar claims in future prosecution. New Claims 57-69 have been added.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the additional information regarding the perceived missing letters or words throughout the specification. After a thorough search of the pages indicated by the Examiner as well as the rest of the specification, Applicant was unable to identify any defects in the copies of the documents as filed. However, in an effort to further prosecution, Applicant has attached hereto a Substitute Specification. The Substitute Specification includes amendments to the specification Applicant made in previous submissions to the Patent Office. No new matter is introduced by way of this Substitute Specification.

Claim Rejections

Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of the previously pending claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 54. Applicant has rewritten Claim 54 as new Claim 57 to include all of the limitations of the base claim. There were no intervening claims. New Claims 58-69 correspond to the remaining dependant claims which were previously pending. They have been made dependant on allowable Claim 57 and are patentable for at least the reasons Claims 57 is patentable.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant is gathering additional information for a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and intends to file such information in the near future for consideration by the Examiner.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that this application as amended is in condition for allowance. If any issues require further clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney of record at the number indicated below.

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Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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